**Flood Relief to West Bengal**

*68. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA :
SHRI SURAJ PRASAD :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards the recent severe flood situation in West Bengal;

(b) whether the Central Government have made any study to assess the extent of damages caused thereby;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the details of the assistance extended by the Union Goven-ment to the State Government; and

(d) what was the amount act ually sought for by the State Govera -ment?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI G.S. DHILLON):
(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) A Central Team was deputed to West Bengal to assess the extent of damages and need for Central assistance. The Team visited West Bengal from 20th to 23rd October, 1986, The report of the Team has not yet been finalised.

(d) The State Government has sought Central assistance of Rs. 272. 28 crores for relief and repairs/ restoration works.

**Procurement prices of paddy and cereals**

*69. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU :
SHRI KALPNATH RAI :

Will the Minister of AGRI-CULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether- it is a fact that the procurement prices of paddy, wheat and cereals were increased recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof; nnd

(c) whether the prices of rice and creeals of different varieties sold through fair price shops are likely to be increased as a result thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI G. S. DHILLON) : (a) and (b) The announcement of the increase in the pro-curement price of paddy (common) from Rs. 142 to Rs. 146 per quintal and that of kharif coarse cereals, viz., jowar, bajra, maize and ragi, from Rs. 130 to Rs. 132 per quintal was made in August, 1986. These price increases are effective for 1986-87 marketing season as compared to 1985-86. However, the procurement price of wheat was raised in January, 1986 from Rs. 157 in 1985-86 to Rs. 162 per quintal for 1986-87 marketing season.

(C) The price at which rice is issued to the State Governments and Union Territory Administration from the Central Pool was raised by Rs. 8.00 per quintal with effect from 1-10-1986: The Central issue price of wheat was fixed Rs. 190 per quintal on U2-1986 and continues to be same. The prices in the Fair price Shops afe fixed by the State Govenments/ Union Territory Administrations themselves and imclude their distribution costs are subsides, if and and vary from State to State.

**Draft development plan for National Capital Region**

*70. SHRI KALPNATH RAI : SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased |to state :

(a) whether the National Capital Region Planning Board has approved the National Capital Region draft development Plan;

(b) if so, what are the details and main features of the Plan; and

(c) what is the estimated cost the Plan, indicating programme-se break-up of the cost ?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI) : (a) An Interim Development Plan for the National Capital Region has been proved by the Board on 29th August, 1986.

(b) and (c) The information is given in the statement laid on the Table of the Housj.

Statement

(b) The interim development Plan covers Policies on the follow ing aspects of development of the National Capital Region:-

(1) Population, (2) Settlement Pattern, (3) Economic activities, including location of (i) industries, (ii) central government and Public sector offices and (iii) wholesale and distributive trade and commerce, and fiscal aspects, (4) Land use consisting of agricultural Land, forest development,! and for urban development, regional recreational areas, nature conservation, green buffer and buffer zones, (5) Transport a and telecommunications consisting of road, rail and telecommunication facilities and (6) Physical infrastructure (water suply, power, sewerage and saniation)-

(c) The tentative cost estimates based on the proposals emerging m the Interim Develoment Plan have been put as under :—

(Rs. in crores)

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|---|---|---|
| 1. | Land acquisition & development | 1010. 70* |
| 2. | Roads | 292. 12 |
| 3. | Railways | 242.45 |
| 4. | Telecommunication | 138.00 |
| 5. | Development of economic activities | 100.00 |
| 6. | Physical Infrastructure (excluding power) | 1248. 41 |
| | TOTAL | 3051.68 |

*Required as seed capital.

**भगीरथ पत्रिका के प्रकाशन में विलम्ब**

*71. **श्री राम नरेश कुशवाहा :** क्या **जल संसाधन** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या भगीरथ पत्रिका का प्रकाशन बन्द कर दिया गया है ;

(ख) क्या यह सच है कि प्रकाशन प्रभाग से प्रबंध ग्रहण कर लिये जाने के बाद पत्रिका के संपादन वितरण तथा विज्ञापन स्टाफ की कोई समुचित व्यवस्था नहीं की गयी है ;

(ग) भगीरथ पत्रिका का संपादन, प्रकाशन और वितरण समय पर हो, इसके लिये क्या व्यवस्था की गयी है ; और

(घ) ऐसी लापरवाही के लिये दोषी व्यक्तियों के संबंध में जांच कराने और मामले में स्थिति में सुधार लाने के लिये क्या कदम उठाये जा रहे हैं ?

**जल संसाधन मंत्री (श्री बी० शंकरानन्द)** : (क) और (ख) जी नहीं ।

(ग) पत्रिकाओं का समय पर सम्पादन, प्रकाशन तथा वितरण सुनिश्चित करने के लिये पत्रिकाओं से संबंधित कार्य हेतु आवश्यक स्टाफ संस्वीकृत किया गया है ।

(घ) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।